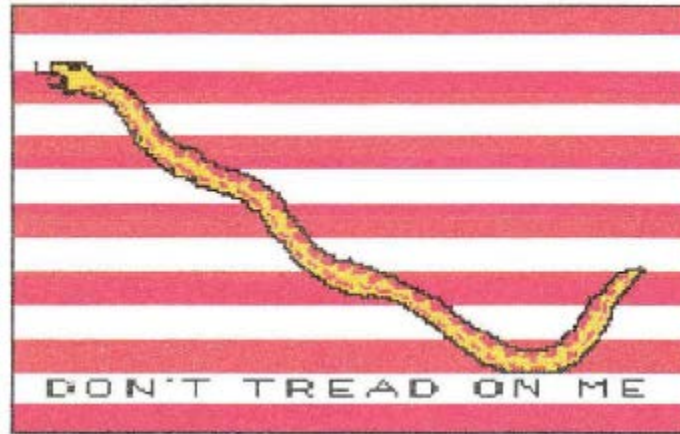


Straight From Gadsden

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Folks, there are some real pearls being thrown before us *colonists* here. We would be wise to shed our porcine shortsightedness and heed the wisdom from across the waters.

A Minute With The Boerevolk

A line in an American History struck my eye when it fell open: *Almost it seemed as if Clinton's policy of divide and destroy might be successful.* Is it possible that the contemporary of that name may be a descendant, striving to complete ancestral tasks, and get America back into the British Empire?

An outsider cannot simply plunge into American politics on such issues as States' Rights versus Federal Power; however he may be able to suggest fresh lines of approach in an area which he has only recently dug into, because he is not trapped emotionally by past argument.

The rough line of approach I feel is to ask first whether it would have been better if the Constitution had been so made that it could never be amended? Or if it is to be possible, who should decide on amendments, and how?

This is where I feel that AnteBellum America, mid-20th century America, and newly developing America, differ so radically from each other that the process of decision making on amendments may itself need to be amended.

I have the impression there is also the question of effective amendment by changing Supreme Court interpretation? This may also need rethinking. In fact, it seems to me that after 200 years the time has come, not precisely to reevaluate the Constitution, but to try to renew the ardor felt for its initial creation.

It is tempting to look on the Constitution as a safety net; as a thing as form as a mountain. When one was looking at the first generation of the US, this was true enough; after 200 years, have things changed enough that the old skin should be shuffled off to make way for a new?

It appears that a Constitutional struggle must be necessarily be a dynamic, living struggle, needing to be fought again every generation or two. Sitting back on one's laurels opens the flood gates for tyranny. Provision for regulating the struggle this way could even be built into the Constitution itself.

In particular, American seems to have gone only part of the way to massive changes that are in the pipeline_ It is still possible to think out the problems, and give a shove in the right direction. But time is fleeting.

Miss the opportunity now, and ever greater efforts will be needed, to achieve ever less.

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